V. Government Bills.

(1) The Tamil Nadu Excise Bill, 1971 (L.A. Bill No. 37 of 1971) --*cont.*

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The discussion on this Bill will now begin. Thiru A. R. Damodaran.

Thiru A. R. DAMODARAN : Sir, I have not given my name. The other day I only asked for time to study the Bill.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Does any other Member wiseh to speak on this Bill?

(No hon. Member rose.)

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Does any other Member wish to

" That the Tamil Nadu Excise Bill, 1971 (L.A. Bill No. 37 of 1971), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration for making recommendations "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken up for making recommendations.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : As there are no recommendations, the Bill will be returned to the Assembly without any recommendations.

(2) The Tamil Nadu Fleet Operators Stage Carriages (Acquisition Bill, 1971 (L.A. Bill No. 35 of 1971).

The Hon. Thiru S. RAMACHANDRAN : Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I beg to move—

" That the Tamil Nadu Fleet Operators Stage Carriages (Acquisition) Bill,@ 1971 (L.A. Bill No. 35 of 1971), as passed by the Assembly, be taken into consideration."

According to Article 39 of the Constitution of India, the State should direct its policy towards securing that the ownership and control of the material resources of the community are so distributed as best to subserve the common good and that the operation of the economic system does not result in the concentration of wealth and means of production to the common detriment. In view of these principles and also in order to promote a socialistic order in keeping with the advancement of science and technology, it was considered by the Government to be expedient to nationalise the commanding heights of the economy. Accordingly, the Government decided to nationalise all passenger transport divisions of transport undertakings having fifty or more bus permits as on the 19th June 1971 or on any date subsequent thereto. The House is aware that in the Budget Speech of the Hon. the Chief Minister, the above policy of the Government was announced. I have brought forward this Bill to give effect to this policy.

The Bill before the House contains provisions for the vesting in the Government of the stage carriages, all lands, buildings, work-shops, and other places and stores, instruments, machinery,

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